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# Kyo Kara MAOH!

Yuri and the three brothers set out to rescue Yuri's impostor, who is supposedly in the country of Svelera. Along the way, Yuri and Gwendal are separated from the rest, only to be arrested for being elopers! Have they been lured into a trap? Only an abandoned bride and the true impostor will tell!

"Everything is great about this series. There's humor, drama, action, and even a little fan service for us BL fans."

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◆ ALSO A HIT ANIME! ◆



TOKYOPOP AGE RATING  
MAY INCLUDE:  
NON-SEXUAL NONDESCRIPT  
NUDITY  
MILD VIOLENCE  
MILD FAN SERVICE



*YOU  
KNOW...*

*THE  
HEAVENS  
THUNDER,  
THE EARTH  
SHAKES...*

*THE DEMON  
FLUTE--THE  
MATEKI!!*

*...THE SEAS  
SURGE AND  
CALL FORTH  
TEMPESTS!*



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Encounter in the Desert

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...AND THE  
SEAS SURGE  
AND CALL  
FORTH  
TEMPESTS!

IF YOU  
PLAY THE  
DEMON  
FLUTE...

...THE  
HEAVENS  
THUNDER,  
THE EARTH  
SHAKES...

OR AT  
LEAST,  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
MY LORD  
FATHER  
TOLD ME.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
COWS?

COWS  
JUST SAY  
"MOOSA  
MOOSA."  
WHY?



Conrad

(GWENDAL VON VOLTAIRE)

ELDEST SON OF THE  
PREVIOUS MAOH. HE  
ALWAYS HAS FROWN  
ON HIS FACE. A COOL-  
HEADED, CYNICAL,  
HANDSOME MAN.

Yuri (Yuri Shibuya)

A TYPICAL BASEBALL-LOVING TEENAGER.  
OR HE USED TO BE. WARPED TO ANOTHER  
WORLD THROUGH A TOILET, HE'S NOW THE  
27TH MAOH.

Conrad

(CONRART WELLER)

SECOND SON OF THE PREVIOUS  
MAOH. AND YURI'S GODFATHER. HIS  
FATHER WAS HUMAN, SO HE DOESN'T  
HAVE ANY MAGICAL POWERS, BUT HE  
IS AN EXCELLENT SWORDSMAN.

Wolfgram

(WOLFRAM VON BIELEFELD)

THIRD SON OF THE  
PREVIOUS MAOH. HE  
HAS UNEXPECTEDLY  
BECOME YURI'S FANCEE

Story Synopsis & Character  
Introduction

Kyo Kara Maoh!



ARE THEY  
GOING TO  
KILL HIM?  
MY LOOK-  
ALIKE?

DID HE  
JUST  
SAY...

...EXECU-  
TION?!

...WE  
CAN'T BE  
CERTAIN  
THEY'LL  
BE KIND  
ENOUGH...

...TO PUT THE  
EXECUTED  
CRIMINAL'S  
BELONGINGS  
IN THE COFFIN  
WITH HIM.

...HE  
DIDN'T PAY  
FOR HIS  
FOOD OR  
SOME-  
THING.

DIDN'T  
PAY FOR HIS  
FOOD?!

NO. IF  
I'M NOT  
MIS-  
TAKEN  
...

DID HE PULL  
OFF SOME  
CRIME SO  
ATROCIOUS  
THAT HE  
DESERVES  
TO DIE?!

TOTALLY  
LAME.

...AND HE'S  
GOING TO BE  
EXECUTED  
FOR SKIPPING  
OUT ON A BILL.  
I CAN'T JUST  
SIT HERE AND  
DO NOTHING.

IN OTHER  
WORDS...

I GET A  
CHANCE  
TO MET MY  
DOPPEL-  
GANGER...

THEY SAY  
IT HAS A  
LOVELY  
TONE.

IF IT CALLS  
STORMS...

...THE  
SOUND IS  
PROBABLY  
MORE LIKE  
A ROAR,  
HUH?

HUH.

Giant is a character from Doraemon.

I'M  
GOING  
TO  
THAT'S PLAY  
LIKE, IT?  
IMPOSS-  
IBLE!

BESIDES...

I'VE ALWAYS  
WANTED TO  
HEAR IT. I'M  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO THAT...

...AND WITNESS-  
ING YOUR  
SKILL AT  
PLAYING THE  
FLUTE  
TOO!

ME?!



OPERATION:  
RESCUE MR.  
YURI SHIBUYA  
LOOK-ALIKE!



I HAVE TO  
SAVE MY  
IMPOSTOR!



HUH?



YOUR  
MAJESTY?

Like a  
Copy  
Robot from  
your Kingdom

...WE MIGHT  
BE ABLE TO  
CONVINCE  
HIM TO BE  
MY BODY  
DOUBLE.

Just like  
Parsimon Nigul!

BESIDES, IF  
WE COULD  
WORK OUT A  
WAY TO GET  
HIM BACK  
HERE...



WE  
HAVE  
TO  
SAVE  
HIM.



I CALL IT...









HUH.  
THEN DO  
AS YOU  
WILL.



WE WILL  
ENTER  
SVELERA BY  
CROSSING  
THE RIVER  
THAT DIVIDES  
THE TWO  
COUNTRIES

IF YOU ARE  
ACCOMPANYING  
US, YOU SHOULD  
MAKE YOUR  
PREPARATIONS.

YAY!



I'M  
SORRY,  
BUT...



...I ONLY  
TAKE  
ORDERS  
FROM HIS  
HIGHNESS.



Wow,  
I'm not  
all that  
great!

BY THEM,  
DO YOU  
MEAN ME  
TOO?!



...TAKE  
THEM  
HOME.



WHY DID HIS  
MAJESTY  
LEAVE ONLY  
ME BEHIND?

わね

How do I put  
this? Like,  
I wanna see  
what the  
neighborhood  
is all about...

do you  
have to talk  
to them...

I WAS SO  
TOUCHED  
BY HIS  
WORDS  
THAT I  
SIMPLY  
WAIVED  
FAREWELL  
...

OH, THAT  
IS SO  
ADMIR-  
ABLE OF  
YOUR  
MAJESTY!

I MUST HAVE  
FIRSTHAND  
EXPERIENCE  
NEGOTIATING  
A MUTUAL  
UNDER-  
STANDING TO  
LEARN THE  
BASICS OF  
DIPLOMACY.

MAYBE

...  
GÜNTER,  
AM NOT  
LIKED!

よよよよよ

THAT  
MAY BE  
TRUE.

OOH...

HE IS  
GONE...

HIS  
MAJESTY IS  
PROBABLY IN  
THE HOT  
SANDS BY  
NOW.

GÜNTER...

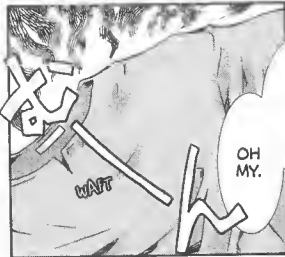
ALONG WITH  
THE CIVIL WARS,  
THEY'VE HAD  
A RECORD-  
BREAKING  
DROUGHT  
THESE PAST  
TWO YEARS SO  
THERE'S SEVERE  
UNREST, BUT...

I TOLD  
HIM THAT  
CONANGIA  
AND  
SVELERA  
ARE NOT  
MERELY  
HOT.

...PLEASE  
UNDER-  
STAND.

Sob Sob Sob Sob Sob

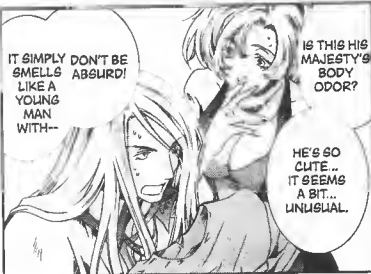




OH MY.

--ONE MIGHT SAY, A SLIGHT SCENT AKIN TO FISH.

*This is Bando-kun, the dolphin's, body odor.*



IT SIMPLY SMELLS LIKE A YOUNG MAN WITH--

DON'T BE ABSURD!

IS THIS HIS MAJESTY'S BODY ODOR?

HE'S SO CUTE... IT SEEMS A BIT... UNUSUAL.

THE RIVER THAT FORMS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES..

..IS REALLY WIDE, BUT IT'S ALL DRIED UP.



...I ONLY CAME BECAUSE I HEARD HIS MAJESTY WAS HERE.

OH, BUT...

WHAT LASCIVIOUS ATTIRE!

YOU--

YOUR MAJESTY, THE QUEEN!

PLEASE STOP TRYING TO SEDUCE HIS MAJESTY!

*I didn't wear this for your quarter.*

I--LM--

YOU'RE SNIFFING HIS MAJESTY'S CLOTHES, AREN'T YOU?



OH!

WHAT'S HE SMELL LIKE? YOU CAN'T HOG EVERYTHING FOR YOURSELF, YOU KNOW.



WE'LL BE  
ENTERING  
THE HUMAN  
LANDS.

WE'RE  
ALMOST  
AT THE  
BORDER.



THEY WERE  
AFRAID TO  
ENTER OUR  
TERRITORY  
TO CLAIM THE  
BODIES. IT  
BECAME A REAL  
PROBLEM.

That's not  
what I  
meant by  
amazing.



The strong  
current was  
something to  
think about.  
For you know?

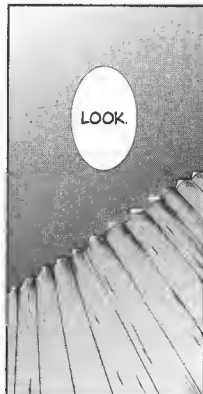
THEY  
SAID THAT  
DURING THE  
CIVIL WARS,  
IT WAS FULL  
OF FLOATING  
CORPSES.

YEAH.

IT'D BE AN  
AMAZING  
SIGHT IF IT  
STILL HAD  
WATER, HUH?



LOOK.





EVEN  
SO...

...HAVE NO  
HISTORY OF  
INVADING  
SVELERA...

...SO  
YOU'D THINK  
THEY'D BE  
FRIENDLIER.

IF I...

YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
FALL IF  
YOU DON'T  
HOLD ME  
TIGHT, YOU  
KNOW.

...IT'S  
HOT...

...WERE RIDING  
TANDEM WITH  
A BEAUTIFUL  
YOUNG  
GIRL, IT'D BE  
DIFFERENT.

BUT IT'S  
SOOOO  
HOT!

slide

WELL...  
...HE'S A  
YOUNG  
MAN THAT'S  
CUTER THAN  
A GIRL, BUT  
STILL...

WHY  
AREN'T  
YOU GLYIS  
HOT?

HM.  
TRAINING,  
PERHAPS?

THEY'RE  
SO SCARED  
THAT THEY  
CAN'T STAND  
IT, BUT  
SOMETIMES  
THEY GET  
COCKY IN  
GROUPS.

I'M  
FINE.  
BUT WHAT'S  
WITH THAT  
'AIN'  
THING?

YEAH,  
THAT'S  
SOME-  
THING  
HUMANS  
DO TO  
INSULT  
MAZOKU.

AH...  
SORRY.

REALLY,  
HUMANS  
ARE SO  
TACKY!

MAZOKU  
...

YOU  
AREN'T  
HUMAN  
OKAY?  
GET IT  
THROUGH  
YOUR THICK  
SKULL THAT  
YOU'RE  
MAZOKU  
ALREADY!

THANK  
YOU FOR  
PUTTING  
UP WITH  
THE CLU-  
TOMS  
INSPEC-  
TION.  
ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?

**IT'S A  
SAND-  
BEAR!**

**W  
H  
O  
A  
!**

W--  
**WHAT?!**

S--  
**SAND-  
BEAR?!**

**WHAT  
IS?**

THEN, IS  
THAT A  
MIRAGE  
FROM THE  
HEAT?  
  
SOMETHING  
PROFOUNDLY  
CUTE IS  
DOING THE  
WAVE IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
THE SAND  
AND--

**THAT'S  
RIGHT, HUH?  
EVERYONE  
EXCEPT ME  
IS A MILITARY  
MAN.**

**I DON'T  
SEE  
ANYTHING  
OUT  
THERE.**

**WHOA!!**

**WAH--**







**THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE!**



...BUT RIGHT NOW YOUR MAJESTY MUST GO WITH GWENDAL TO SAFETY!

**DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME SO--**

**DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT!**



**ARE THEY ARE UNLUCKY.**

**ARE THEY ALL GOING TO DIE?!**

**WOLF IS--**

**...REAL DANGER HERE?!**

**ARE WE IN...**



**THAT'S TRUE, BUT... YOU'RE BROTHERS, RIGHT?!**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO?**

**THAT MAY BE TRUE...**



**YOUR MAJESTY, HURRY AND--**

**...LONG ENOUGH TO FIND ITS EXIT TUNNEL, IT'LL ALL WORK OUT SOMEHOW.**

**IT'S ALL RIGHT AS LONG AS THEY CAN HOLD THEIR BREATH..**

**BUT I HAVE TO SAVE THEM--**



BUT,  
I--



YOUR  
MAJESTY'S  
LIFE IS  
EVERYONE  
THE MOST  
ELSE HERE  
WOULD FEEL  
THE SAME.



WOLFRAM  
IS A  
SOLDIER  
TOO.

HE OUGHT  
TO BE ABLE  
TO HANDLE A  
LITTLE THING  
LIKE THIS!

I DON'T  
WANT  
YOU...  
...TO BE THE  
KIND OF  
PERSON  
WHO'D  
LEAVE HIS  
LITTLE  
BROTHER  
TO DIE!



WOLFRAM IS  
A SOLDIER  
TOO.  
HE OUGHT  
TO BE ABLE  
TO HANDLE A  
LITTLE THING  
LIKE THIS!

BUT  
HE'S...

...WOLF!



YOUR  
MAJESTY'S  
LIFE IS  
THE MOST  
IMPORTANT.  
EVERYONE  
ELSE HERE  
WOULD FEEL  
THE SAME.





NOW YOU  
WE DON'T MUST GET  
KNOW WHEN TO A SAFE  
THIS LEDGE WILL DISTANCE  
START TO CRUMBLE  
TOO.



DON'T  
WASTE TIME  
PROTECTING  
SOMEONE  
LIKE ME.

SAVE  
WOLFRAM  
AND ALL  
THOSE  
SOLDIERS  
INSTEAD!



YOU  
MEANT  
IT, DIDN'T  
YOU,  
CONRAD?  
YOU SAID  
YOU TAKE  
ORDERS  
FROM ME,  
RIGHT?



REMEMBER  
WHAT YOU  
SAID?





AN  
ORDER  
EH?



TAKE  
GOOD  
CARE  
OF HIS  
MAJESTY!

G  
W  
E  
N  
D  
A  
L  
...



...AND  
I HAVE  
SOMEONE  
STRONG  
WITH ME.  
SO YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
WORY

I'M FINE,  
AS YOU  
CAN  
SEE...



YOU SAID IT,  
DIDN'T YOU?  
THAT YOU'LL  
ACT ON MY  
ORDERS!

THAT'S--



...TO SAVE  
WOLF!  
PLEASE!

THAT'S  
WHY I'M  
GOING TO  
ORDER  
YOU...



IT'S A PITY  
THAT HIS  
MAJESTY'S  
SMELL IS  
FADING...

BUT  
GÜNTER,  
ISN'T THAT  
WHAT  
MAIDS DO?

...BUT IT IS A  
PRECIOUS  
PIECE OF CLOTHING,  
SO I MUST  
LAUNDER IT  
PROPERLY.

...I'LL SEE  
YOU IN THE  
CAPITAL OF  
SVELERA!

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING,  
LADY CACILIE?!  
TAKING  
CARE  
OF HIS  
MAJESTY  
IS MY,  
GÜNTER'S,  
JOB!

RIGHT...

I KNOW THIS  
IS THE RIGHT  
DECISION.

GOOD LUCK  
SAVING  
WOLFRAM AND  
EVERYONE,  
CONRAD!

DO YOU  
KNOW HOW  
TO FIND  
THE EXIT  
TUNNEL?!

I...

WELL  
THEN...

THIS IS THE  
THIRD TIME  
I'VE DEALT  
WITH SAND  
BEARS!



LADY  
ANISSINA VON  
KARBELNIKOFF!

AND YOU  
AS WELL,  
LORD  
VON  
KLEIST...

WHAT?

IT HAS BEEN  
A WHILE, YOUR  
HIGHNESS.  
I AM GLAD  
ABOVE ALL  
ELSE THAT  
YOU SEEM TO  
BE IN GOOD  
HEALTH.

I'VE BEEN  
WORRIED,  
SINCE YOU  
HAVEN'T BEEN  
AROUND TO  
SEE MY SON  
GWEN LATELY,  
YOU KNOW.

ANISSINA!  
OH MY, IT  
REALLY  
HAS BEEN  
A WHILE.  
HASN'T  
IT?

AS ONE OF THE  
THREE GREAT  
WITCHES OF THE  
SHINMAKOKU,  
THIS WOMAN  
IS SAID TO BE  
TSEKI-SAMA'S  
EQUAL.

YES

...THE  
SAME TO  
YOU, LADY  
ANISSINA.

LORD GWENDAL  
VON VOLTAIRE'S  
CHILDHOOD  
FRIEND AND  
KNITTING  
INSTRUCTOR!

HUH?

I WAS  
LOOKING FOR  
GWENDAL,  
BUT IT SEEMS  
HE'S NOT  
CURRENTLY IN  
HIS DOMAIN...

LORD  
VON  
KLEIST,  
I'M GLAD  
YOU'RE  
HERE.

ENOUGH  
WITH THE  
FOR-  
MALITIES!

DID  
SOME-  
ONE  
JUST  
SAY...

SO IT'S  
CLEAN,  
SOFT, AND  
FRESH AS  
A SPRING  
RAIN IS AN  
IMPORTANT  
PART OF A  
TUTOR'S  
DUTIES.

LAIN-  
DERING  
CLOTHING  
...

ACK--!

ANISSINA!!

...CLEAN,  
SOFT, AND  
FRESH AS  
A SPRING  
RAIN?

*I...*

...  
PRETTY  
MUCH  
WON'T  
TALK TO  
ME.

HEY...

YES.

...BUT IT  
TOOK ALL  
MY WILL  
POWER TO  
ASK THAT  
SIMPLE  
QUESTION.

IS  
IT OKAY  
IF I WRAP  
MY ARMS  
AROUND  
YOUR  
WAIST?

SO WHY  
DOES IT FEEL  
LIKE SUCH  
A TERRIBLE  
MISTAKE?

THE DESERT  
CLIMATE IS SO  
OPPRESSIVE  
THAT I THINK  
I'M GOING TO  
PASS OUT...

UNDER-  
STAND?

YOU'RE  
A TEST  
SUB-  
JECT!

IF YOU  
DON'T  
MIND, I  
WOULD  
LIKE YOU  
TO ACCOM-  
PANY ME.

...AS--A  
GUINEA  
PIG?

**BUT SHE'S  
OBSESSED**

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE CLOTHING OF ALL OUR PEOPLE MORE WEAR-ABLE...

THERE'S  
SOME-  
THING I  
WOULD  
LIKE  
YOUR  
COOP-  
ERATION  
WITH.

...WITH USING  
THE POWERS  
OF THE MAZOKU  
FOR EVERYDAY  
PRACTICAL  
USES...

WELL, THEN.  
LET'S TAKE  
A LOOK AT  
MY NEWEST  
PRIDE AND  
JOY.

NOW  
THAT  
THAT'S  
CLEAR...

➤ She didn't  
wait for a  
response.



NOW  
THAT  
THAT'S  
CLEAR.

...I HAVE  
INVENT-  
ED A NEW  
DEVICE!

A  
COMPLETELY  
AUTOMATED  
WASHER!!

...WITH THE  
INVENTION OF  
MAGICAL AP-  
PARATUSES!!





IT  
SEEMS  
LIKE A  
REGULAR  
TOWN,  
BUT--

EXCEPT  
FOR THE  
SOL-  
DIERS...

...THERE  
ARE NO  
MEN!



...AND  
THERE'S  
NOT MUCH  
WATER  
LEFT SO--

I JUST  
DRANK...

THAT'S  
OKAY.

OH.

YES?



DO I HAVE  
TO PRY YOUR  
JAWS OPEN  
AND POUR IT  
DOWN YOUR  
THROAT?

scary...

...I'LL  
HAVE A  
DRINK,  
THANK  
YOU.

OH...

IS IT JUST  
MY IMAGI-  
NATION??



SERIOUSLY FELLAS  
...THIS IS A GUY YOU DON'T WANT TO ANTAGONIZE!

WELL...  
I DON'T KNOW.



IF THERE IS A PLACE TO REST, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL ME ABOUT IT, PLEASE.

IT WOULD BE A HELP IF YOU WOULD SHARE YOUR WATER AND FOODSTUFFS, BUT--



G W E N ?



STAY HERE.  
DON'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH.

O-KAY.

I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON THE MONEY, EH?  
IS THAT SO?



I'm sorry I couldn't show you this in color  
LOOKS THEIR HAIR LIKE SALMON ROE SUSHI!

DID YOU COME ACROSS THE SAND DUNES?

YEAH.



NO HORSES ALLOWED IN THE CITY.



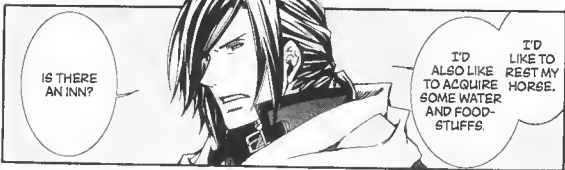
OH, IT'S ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE MYSTERIOUS OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD CONVERSATIONS.

YOU'RE LUCKY, EH?

WE DIDN'T.

YOU DIDN'T MEET A HINEMOSU?

HUH. THAT'S AMAZING!



IS THERE AN INN?

I'D ALSO LIKE TO ACQUIRE SOME WATER AND FOODSTUFFS.

I'D LIKE TO REST MY HORSE.



WHAT'S THAT?

THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF COPIES OF THIS SAME POSTER ALL OVER, AREN'T THERE?







You must not  
accept food or  
drink from anyone  
you don't know!

GUNTER  
DRILLED THAT  
INTO MY HEAD,  
BUT JUST  
GOING IN/OUT  
OF THE HEAT  
SHOULD BE--

OKAY.

SORRY  
TO  
BOTHER  
YOU.

AREN'T  
YOU  
HOT OUT  
THERE?

IF  
YOU HAVE  
TO WAIT  
FOR YOUR  
COMPANION,  
YOU'RE  
WELCOME  
TO STAY  
INSIDE THE  
CHURCH.

DO  
I LOOK  
LIKE BAD  
LUCK OR  
SOME-  
THING?

I'M IN. HUH?  
DISGUISE.  
MY HAIR  
AND EVEN  
MY EYES ARE  
BROWN.

YOU  
OVER  
THERE  
...

TRAVELER.



KEEP QUIET  
AND WE WON'T  
KILL YOU.

I'M  
TRAPPED?

ACTU-  
ALLY, I  
DON'T  
PRAY  
MUCH

ER--

...  
EXCEPT  
TO THE  
GOD OF  
BASE-  
BALL.

CLICK

CHINK

BAM!

BAM

BAM



WHA--

STRAW  
EFFIGIES?



...PRAY  
TO GOD  
SOME-  
TIMES  
TOO,  
DON'T  
YOU?

YOU  
GUYS...

I'M IN  
DISGUISE--  
AND MY  
HAIR AND  
EYES AREN'T  
BLACK...

...SO  
WHAT IS  
THIS?!

I  
THOUGHT  
SO.

YOU--

YOU  
THOUGHT  
WHAT?

GET  
OUT OF  
THERE--

SLAM!

SLAM!

GWE--

WAIT!!

ELOPERS,  
YOU SAY?  
US?!

IS THAT  
THE  
POSTER  
FROM  
EARLIER?!  
WHAT  
THE--

WANTED.

GRAY  
HAired,  
TALL MALE  
MAZOKU  
AND HUMAN  
WOMAN  
DRESSED  
AS A YOUNG  
BOY.  
50,000  
PESOS IN  
GOLD TO  
ANYONE WHO  
CAPTURES  
THESE  
ELOPERS.

WHEN THEY SAY  
ELOPERS, ARE  
THEY TALKING  
ABOUT THAT  
RUNNING AWAY  
TO GET MARRIED  
THING?!

THAT?!  
WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN BY  
THAT?!

YOU  
THINK I  
ELOPED  
WITH THAT?

IN THE  
FIRST  
PLACE,  
WE'RE  
BOTH  
GU--

AFTER ALL,  
IT'S OVER-  
FLOWING WITH  
THE POWER OF  
GOD.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
YOU'RE A  
MAZOKU  
WARRIOR  
...  
...YOU  
CAN'T USE  
DEMON  
MAGIC  
INSIDE A  
CHURCH,  
RIGHT?

WHEN WE  
HAND YOU  
OVER TO THE  
OFFICIALS IN  
THE CAPITAL,  
WE'LL GET  
LOADS OF  
REWARD  
MONEY, YOU  
KNOW.

OF COURSE  
WE'LL GET OUR  
HANDS ON SOME  
MONEY, BUT IT  
WON'T BE FROM  
YOUR WALLET.

WHAT  
DO YOU  
WANT?  
  
MONEY?

THIS...

...IS YOU,  
RIGHT?





THAT'S...

...THE STAMP  
I GOT AT  
SEA WORLD  
WHEN I  
WENT WITH  
MURATA!

YOU'VE  
EVEN BEEN  
BRANDED AS  
ELOPERS.

LOOK.



YOU'RE  
WRONG!! IT'S  
THE ONE DAY  
FREE PASS  
STAMP!!

I CAN'T READ  
IT, BUT MANY  
NEIGHBORING  
COUNTRIES BRAND  
THE HANDS OF  
CRIMINALS WHO  
COMMIT MARRIAGE-  
RELATED CRIMES.

YOU MUST  
HAVE RUN  
FROM ONE  
OF THEM,  
RIGHT?



THAT'S  
WHAT  
I SAID!  
I'M NOT  
A GIRL!!  
DON'T  
JUST  
TOUCH  
MY  
CHEST!  
FEEL  
DOWN  
BELOW  
TOO!  
LOWER!!

WELL, AS  
LONG AS SHE'S  
GOT A CUTE  
FACE, SOME  
GUYS GO FOR  
WOMEN WHO  
LOOK LIKE  
YOUNG MEN.

...EEK.

GUESS  
SHE'S  
STILL  
GROWING.

THIS  
CHICK'S  
FLAT AS  
A BOARD,  
AIN'T  
SHE?

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?!



DON'T BE  
RIDICU-  
LOUS!

THIS  
SKETCH  
LOOKS  
NOTHING  
LIKE ME!



I... HAVE  
A LOWER  
MIDDLE  
CLASS  
RESPECT  
FOR THE  
LAW...

NOT...  
ON MY  
RIGHT  
ARM.

I PITCH  
AND HIT  
WITH MY  
RIGHT!

...SO I'VE  
NEVER BEEN  
ARRESTED  
OR EVEN  
HASSLED BY  
THE POLICE  
BEFORE.



OH  
YEAH...  
IT WAS ON  
THE NEWS...

...IF A  
STALKER  
GRABS A  
WOMAN  
FROM  
BEHIND...



THE  
POLICE--



...UNLESS  
YOU WANT  
ME TO  
BREAK THIS  
PRETTY  
NECK.



NOW

QUIT  
FIGHTING  
AND CLIFF  
YOUR-  
SELVES  
TOGETHER  
...



ハハハ...





...IS THERE LIKE,  
AN INCANTA-  
TION OR  
SOMETHING?  
I WISH THEY'D  
TEACH ME.

OOH...

THE  
MOON'S  
BLUE!  
HUH, AND  
THE STARS  
ARE  
WHITE...

...AND  
IT'S  
COLD.



...I USED SOME  
AMAZING  
DEMON MAGIC  
THE LAST TWO  
TIMES I WAS IN  
REAL TROUBLE!

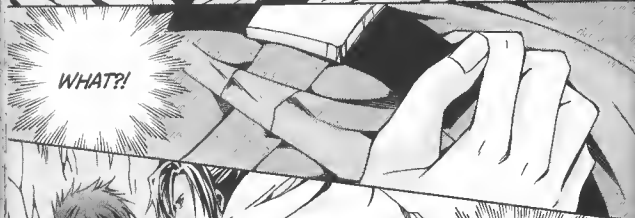
THEY  
SAY...

IT'D BE NICE  
IF WE GOT SO  
CORNERED  
THAT I COULD  
USE MY  
POWERS TO  
GET US OUT  
OF HERE.





WHAT?!



WHAT?!



WHAT?!



HOLD  
ON.

YOU  
DONT  
THINK I-I-  
I'M A GIRL  
TOO, DO  
YOU?!

What?!



...A  
POISONOUS  
SNAKE!



HMM?

WHAT'S THIS?  
SOMETHING'S  
WRITHING  
AROUND ON  
MY BELLY.

MAYBE IT'S  
A DESERT  
SCORPION  
OR...



...CUTE  
LITTLE  
THINGS.

BECAUSE  
HE  
LOVES...

OH...

YOU JUST  
WANTED  
BANDO-  
KUN? WHY  
DIDN'T YOU  
SAY SO  
FROM THE  
START?

OH...  
DUH.

I'm...!

'OH YEAH?  
THEN WHY  
ARE YOU  
TRYING TO  
TAKE OFF  
MY BELT?'

I HAVE NEVER  
DOUBTED  
YOUR  
GENDER AND  
I DO NOT  
THINK YOU  
LOOK LIKE  
A WOMAN.

WAIT.  
CALM  
DOWN.

YOU  
HOLD  
ON!  
I AM  
SOOOOO  
SHOCKED!!  
IT'S ONE  
THING FOR  
THOSE  
TOWN FOLK  
TO THINK  
I'M A GIRL,  
BUT--

YOU'RE  
WRONG!!

AH! MAYBE  
YOU'VE GOT  
THE SAME  
TASTES  
AS YOUR  
YOUNGER  
BROTHER...

...and  
you  
wanted  
to Jett  
Be It!

HUH?





YOU WANT  
ME TO  
ANSWER  
ALL THAT?

IF  
POSSIBLE

...CAN  
CONRAD,  
WOLFRAM  
AND THE  
SOLDIERS  
REALLY  
ESCAPE  
FROM THAT  
THING?

HEY...

...GWEN-  
DAL...

FINE.

AND WHY  
DON'T YOU  
EVEN TRY  
CUTTING  
THE  
HANDCLIFFS  
OFF?

AND WHY  
COULDN'T  
ANYONE  
ELSE SEE  
THE SAND-  
COLORED  
PANDA  
BEFORE  
WE FELL?

THIS MEANS  
THAT  
SOMEONE  
IN SVELERA  
PLANTED  
IT THERE  
INTENTION-  
ALLY.

PROBABLY AS A  
TRAP

...THAT  
ISN'T A  
SPECIES  
THAT  
USUALLY  
LIVES IN  
SUCH  
SMALL  
SAND  
DUNES.

FIRST,  
WITH  
REGARDS  
TO THE  
SAND-  
BEAR...

YOU  
CAN  
HAVE  
IT.

ARE  
YOU  
SURE?

BANDO-  
KUN OR  
ENJI-KUN.

WHAT'S  
HIS  
NAME?

IT'S FINE. I  
DON'T  
REALLY  
LIKE  
DOL-  
PHINS...  
...BE-  
CAUSE  
I CAN'T  
TELL  
WHAT  
THEY'RE  
THINK-  
ING.

IT'S  
CUTE.

ENJI  
BANDO,  
IS IT?



ON THE OTHER HAND, SORCERY IS A TECHNOLOGY THAT HUMANS PLEDGE AN OATH, BEG AND PRAY TO GOD TO OBTAIN.

IT CAN GIVE GREAT POWER TO THOSE WITHOUT TALENT.

THE GEMSTONES AMPLIFY ONE'S ABILITY TO USE SORCERY.

THE POWER OF DEMON MAGIC IS BOUND TO A SOUL FROM BIRTH—THUS IT CAN ONLY BE USED BY THOSE WHO HAVE A MAZOKU SOUL.

...A POWER THAT ONLY WE, THE MAZOKU, HAVE.

IT CAN BE GOTTEN BY NATURAL INBORN TALENT OR BY STUDY AND TRAINING.



YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE ABLE TO SEE THE SANDBEAR...

PROBABLY.



...SO THAT'S WHY THEY SET TRAPS ALONG THE BORDER...

UNTIL NOW, THERE HAVE BEEN FEW PLACES TO FIND THEM, SO THEY CAN BE SOLD FOR QUITE A SUM.



THIS AREA ALSO HAS A LONG HISTORY OF WARS...

...SO THEIR OFFENSIVE SORCERY IS VERY ADVANCED.

SORCERERS FROM MANY COUNTRIES WANT IT VERY BADLY.

THE TRUTH IS THAT A FEW YEARS AGO, A NEW KIND OF GEMSTONE WAS DISCOVERED IN SVELERA.

...SO THEY'VE SET TRAPS ALONG THE BORDER SO THAT THE RARE GEMSTONES AREN'T SMUGGLED OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPECT MERCHANTS TO OVERLOOK THE POSSIBILITY OF PROFITING FROM IT ILLEGALLY...



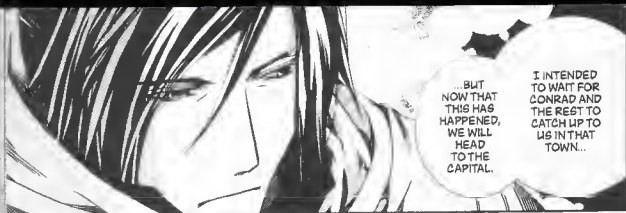
ISN'T THIS...

...GÜNTER'S JOB?

HOLD ON A SEC. SORCERY?

IS IT THE SAME AS DEMON MAGIC?

DEMON MAGIC IS..



BUT  
NOW THAT  
THIS HAS  
HAPPENED,  
WE WILL  
HEAD  
TO THE  
CAPITAL.

I INTENDED  
TO WAIT FOR  
CONRAD AND  
THE REST TO  
CATCH UP TO  
US IN THAT  
TOWN...



SO...



WE'LL FIND  
A CHURCH,  
CAPTURE  
A PRIEST  
WHO  
LOOKS LIKE  
HE CAN USE  
SORCERY...

...AND GET  
HIM TO CUT  
OFF THESE  
ANNOYING  
SHACKLES.



IF A WARRIOR  
OF THEIR  
CALIBER  
LOST HIS  
LIFE TO A  
SANDBEAR...

...PEOPLE  
WOULD BE  
TALKING  
ABOUT IT  
FOR AN  
ETERNITY.



AFTER ALL,  
YOU'RE  
TALKING LIKE  
IT'S ONLY A  
MATTER OF  
TIME BEFORE  
WE MEET UP  
WITH THEM  
AGAIN...

...AT THIS  
POINT,  
YOU'RE  
ABOUT AS  
SURE THAT  
CONRAD AND  
WOLF  
ARE OKAY,  
RIGHT?

OF  
COURSE.



THE  
BUSINESS  
WITH  
GEGENHIL-  
BER AND  
THE MATEKI  
WILL HAVE  
TO WAIT  
UNTIL WE'VE  
DONE THAT.



MAYBE.

ARE YOU  
NATURALLY  
DIMITT-  
TED?



IF YOU  
ATTEMPTED  
TO POUND  
THEM AGAINST  
STONES TO  
CRACK THEM,  
IT WOULD  
ONLY BE A  
WASTE OF  
EFFORT.

FINALLY,  
THESE HAND  
CUFFS HAVE  
POWDER  
FROM THE  
GEMSTONES  
MIXED INTO  
THEM.



BECAUSE  
YOU WERE  
SOMEHOW  
IMMUNE TO  
THE SPELL  
MEANT TO  
BEWILDER  
YOU.

I DO NOT  
KNOW  
WHY,  
THOUGH.



YOU'RE  
KID-  
DING!

YOU CAN'T  
TAKE THESE  
OFF!  
WHAT ARE  
WE GOING  
TO DO?!

BUT IN  
PARCHED  
HUMAN LANDS  
LIKE THIS,  
IT WOULD  
BE VERY  
DIFFICULT TO  
BREAK THE  
SORCERY.

MAYBE IN  
THE LANDS  
OF THE  
MAZOKU  
WHERE THE  
ELEMENTS  
OBEY US--





IS THERE  
SOMETHING  
ELSE?

HEY...


...HMM...

DO YOU  
LIKE  
ANIMALS?

LIKE  
RABBITS,  
CATS AND  
SUCH?

I DON'T  
LIKE  
ORANGE  
RABBITS.

AS FOR  
CATS...  
WELL...  
YEAH...  
  
I LIKE  
LIONS  
MORE...  
THAN  
CATS...



IF  
SOMEONE  
LIKE ME  
HAD TO  
SUMO-  
WRESTLE  
A PANDA,  
I'D LOSE.

THAT'S  
AMAZ-  
ING.

THAT'S  
WHY I  
PULLED  
YOU UP.



TO  
CONSERVE  
HEAT AND  
INCREASE  
INSULATION,  
YOU OUGHT  
TO DRAW  
A LITTLE  
NEARER.

HEY.

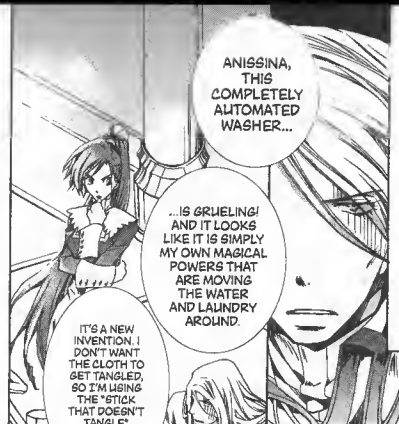
WHAT?



YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO BE  
SO FORMAL AND  
PRECISE,  
YOU KNOW.

FIRST,  
THE  
CHURCH.

WE'LL GET A  
PRIEST WHO  
LOOKS LIKE  
HE CAN USE  
SORCERY  
TO TAKE  
THESE OFF.

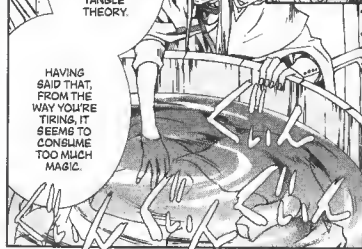


ANISSINA,  
THIS  
COMPLETELY  
AUTOMATED  
WASHER...

...IS GRUELING!  
AND IT LOOKS  
LIKE IT IS SIMPLY  
MY OWN MAGICAL  
POWERS THAT  
ARE MOVING  
THE WATER  
AND LAUNDRY  
AROUND.

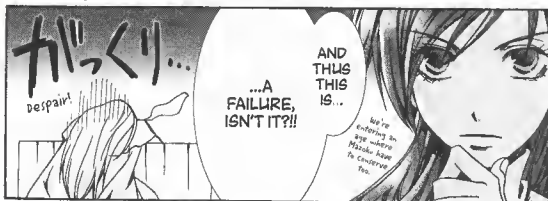
IT'S A NEW  
INVENTION. I  
DON'T WANT  
THE CLOTH TO  
GET TANGLED,  
SO I'M USING  
THE "STICK  
THAT DOESN'T  
TANGLE"  
THEORY.

HAVING  
SAID THAT,  
FROM THE  
WAY YOU'RE  
TIRING, IT  
SEEMS TO  
CONSUME  
TOO MUCH  
MAGIC.



..WHITE  
ONES..

WHITE  
LIONS.

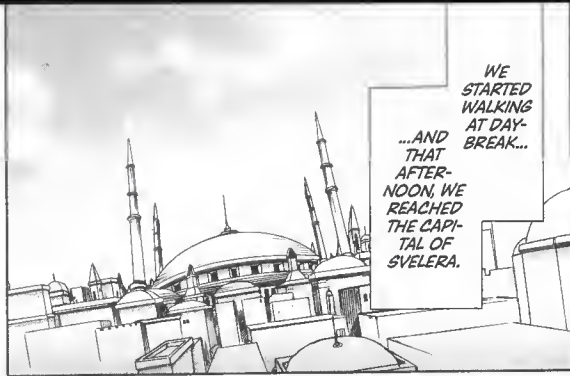


ガックリ...  
Despair

...A  
FAILURE,  
ISN'T IT?!!

AND  
THIS  
IS...

We're  
making an  
huge mistake  
because we  
have to consider  
this.



WE  
STARTED  
WALKING  
AT DAY-  
BREAK...  
...AND  
THAT  
AFTER-  
NOON, WE  
REACHED  
THE CAPI-  
TAL OF  
SVELERA.



The Stolen Bride?!







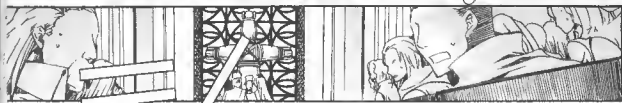
IT SEEMS  
TO BE  
LOCKED.

WELL,  
HERE  
WE GO!

HUH?

OH!

YEAH!!



IT BETTER  
NOT LAST  
MUCH  
LONGER!!!

THEY'RE  
SO DEEPLY  
IN LOVE!  
BUT I BET  
IT WON'T  
LAST, EH?

THAT'S  
SO HOT--  
THEY'RE  
CARRYING  
THEIR  
LUGGAGE  
TOGETHER!

LOOK,  
LOOK!

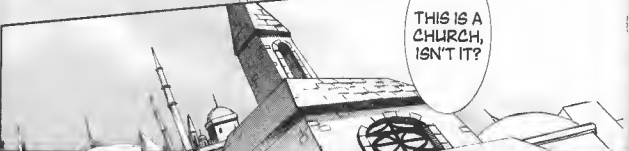


WELL...

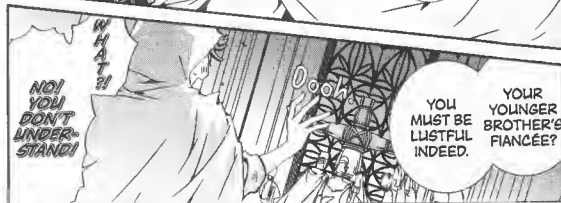


GWENDAL  
IS A  
SURPRIS-  
INGLY NICE  
GUY, YOU  
KNOW.

HE HOLDS  
THE CHAINS  
WHILE WE'RE  
WALKING  
AND STUFF.



THIS IS A  
CHURCH,  
ISN'T IT?





THAT IS TRUE, ISN'T IT?  
ONCE YOU GET MARRIED, YOU WILL NEVER BE WITH ANOTHER PARTNER.



THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?



IT IS TRUE.  
HUH?



...THE FIRST ONE IS THE BAG, OR SKIN, OF A FRUIT. THE SECOND IS AN EMERGENCY BAG.

FURTHERMORE THE THIRD ONE... CALLED A BAG FOR YOUR HANDS, OR GLOVES...

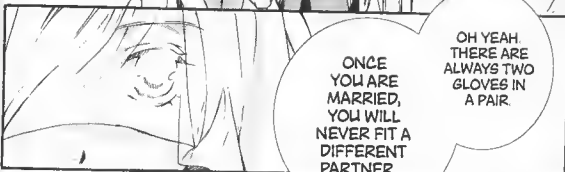
OKAY THEN, I'LL GIVE THEM A SPEECH!

OH! BUT TODAY'S THIS BRIDE'S WEDDING DAY!

WE CAN'T JUST RUIN IT!

...UMM...

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN A MARRIAGE IS WHAT THEY CALL THE THREE BAGS AND...



ONCE YOU ARE MARRIED, YOU WILL NEVER FIT A DIFFERENT PARTNER...

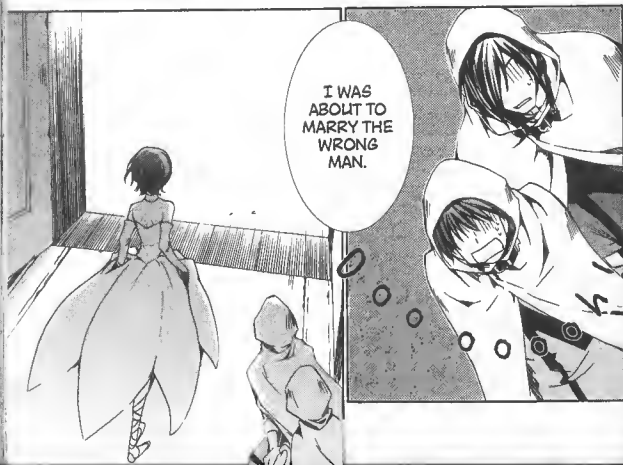
OH YEAH. THERE ARE ALWAYS TWO GLOVES IN A PAIR.





THANK  
YOU.

...AND  
YOU JUST  
HELPED ME  
REALIZE  
THAT.



I WAS  
ABOUT TO  
MARRY THE  
WRONG  
MAN.



GLOVES  
ARE LIKE  
THAT,  
AREN'T  
THEY?

OH,  
W-WELL  
...

...IT'S PRO-  
BABLY LIKE  
THAT...



AHH...  
HAI!!

ANOTHER  
MISUNDER-  
STANDING!!



LET'S  
RUN AWAY  
TOGETHER!

STOP  
THEM!!

THEY'RE  
KIDNAPPING  
THE BRIDE!



THEN

LET'S  
FOLLOW  
HER  
EXAMPLE  
AND GET  
OUT OF  
HERE TOO!

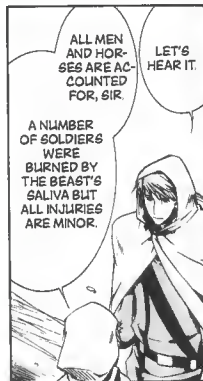
THE  
BRIDE'S  
RUNNING  
AWAY?!

THE--



HUH?





ALL MEN  
AND HOR-  
SES ARE AC-  
COUNTED  
FOR, SIR.

LET'S  
HEAR IT.

A NUMBER  
OF SOLDIERS  
WERE  
BURNED BY  
THE BEAST'S  
SALIVA BUT  
ALL INJURIES  
ARE MINOR.

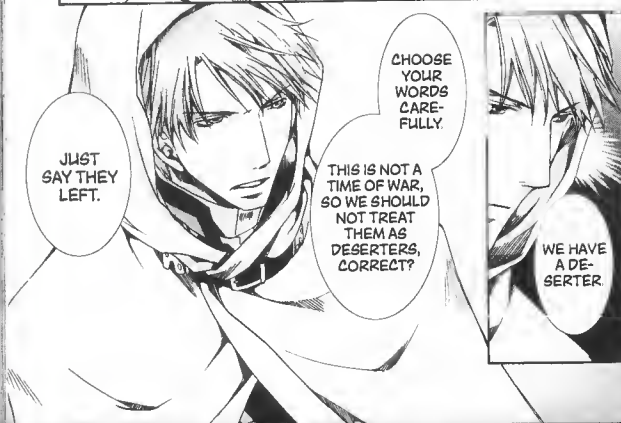


REPORT-  
ING SIR!



WHAT?

...I'M NOT  
QUITE SURE SIR...  
HOW TO PUT  
THIS, BUT...



JUST  
SAY THEY  
LEFT.

CHOOSE  
YOUR  
WORDS  
CARE-  
FULLY.

THIS IS NOT A  
TIME OF WAR,  
SO WE SHOULD  
NOT TREAT  
THEM AS  
DESSERTERS,  
CORRECT?



WE HAVE  
A DE-  
SER-  
TER.



IT  
LOOKS LIKE  
EVERYONE  
HAS ESCAPED  
WITH THEIR  
LIMBS SAFELY  
ATTACHED.

SHALL WE  
THANK THE NEW  
KING FOR HIS  
BENEVOLENCE?

MY  
MOUTH  
...  
IS FULL  
OF SAND...  
GRITTY...



HIS  
MAJESTY?  
WITH  
GWEN?

WHY  
SHOULD  
I BE DEP-  
RESSED,  
GRITTY?!

EVEN IF  
YOU'RE  
SO DE-  
PRESSED

YOU  
WOULDN'T  
UNDER-  
STAND,  
GRITTY!

HE'S  
CHEAT-  
ING ON  
ME WITH  
MY OWN  
BROTHER!

RIGHT  
NOW,  
YURI AND  
MY LORD  
BROTHER  
ARE--

I KNOW  
MY LORD  
BROTHER  
GIVEN  
THE CHANCE  
THINGS...

YURI IS  
BETTER  
THAN  
LOVING IN  
HIS WAY.

BUT--

I DON'T  
KNOW  
ABOUT  
THAT,  
WOLF.  
YOU'VE  
ANNOUNCED  
THAT YOU'RE  
ENGAGED.  
YOU SHOULD  
HAVE MORE  
FAITH IN HIM.

SL--

WOLF.

...SAND-  
BEAR  
TRAINER  
MAY BE  
BORN.

HIS-  
TORY'S  
FIRST...

Ptut.

HE YELLED  
SOMETHING  
UNINTEL-  
LIGIBLE  
ABOUT  
MEETING  
HIS SOUL  
MATE...

...AND  
THAT HE'D  
SEE YOU  
SOMEDAY IN  
HILDYARD'S  
PLEASURE  
TOWN, YOUR  
EXCELLENCY,  
LORD  
CONRAD.

OKAY...

I SEE  
NOW.

IT'S  
RYAN,  
FROM  
YOUR  
EXCEL-  
LENCY'S  
UNIT.

SO  
WHO  
IS IT?

THIS  
CASE  
DOES NOT  
REQUIRE  
AN OFFI-  
CIAL RE-  
PARD  
I'M  
SORRY  
YOU  
HAD TO  
REPORT  
SOME-  
THING SO  
DIFFICULT.

HE  
WAS A  
PEERLESS  
ANIMAL  
LOVER,  
WASN'T  
HE?

YES  
SIR!

ALL  
RIGHT?

...EVEN  
MORE  
UNEASY.

THAT  
MAKES  
ME...

THINK  
ABOUT  
IT...A THREE  
PERSON  
TRIP...

...HIS  
MAJESTY,  
GWEN AND  
ME...

SO YOU  
SEE...

"GU" IS  
ROCK,  
"CHOKI" IS  
SCISSORS,  
AND "PA"  
IS PAPER.

THAT'S  
JUST  
THE  
WAY  
IT IS!

IF YOU  
WRAP  
PAPER  
AROUND  
A ROCK,  
WON'T THE  
PAPER  
JUST RIP?

YOU CAN'T  
CUT  
PAPER  
WITH A  
CRAB'S  
SCIS-  
SORS  
CAN YOU?

AS  
IF.

DO YOU  
THINK SO  
LITTLE OF  
MY SWORDS-  
MANSHIP?

AND NOW  
MY LORD  
BROTHER  
AND YURI  
ARE ALONE  
TOGETHER!

I  
COULD'VE  
GOTTEN  
OUT ON  
MY OWN  
...

...BUT  
NOOOO,  
YOU HAD  
TO COME  
SAVE ME!

WHAT  
EXACTLY  
DO YOU  
CONSIDER  
TO BE  
CHEAT-  
ING?

I'VE  
GOTTEN IN  
SOME REAL  
TROUBLE  
BECAUSE  
OF THAT IN  
THE PAST.

YOU ARE A  
FIRST-RATE  
SWORDS-  
MAN, BUT  
YOU DIDN'T  
KNOW THE  
SANDBEAR'S  
WEAKNESSES,  
RIGHT?

...YOU MIGHT  
BE FEELING  
SOMETHING  
EVEN MORE  
COMPLICAT-  
ED, RIGHT?

AND IF  
I HADN'T  
COME BACK  
FOR YOU...





SO YOU  
WERE  
ELOPING  
AFTER  
ALL?

WHAT IS  
A BRIDE  
DOING  
WITH AN  
ELOPING  
COUPLE?

FROM THE  
LOOKS OF  
IT, ONE  
OF YOU IS  
CERTAINLY  
MAZOKU.

NO!!

HOW  
SHOULD  
I EXPLAIN  
THIS?

I WANT TO  
FOOL THEM LIKE  
MITSUEMON DOES  
IN HISTORICAL  
DRAMAS, BUT  
ONLY CONRAD  
WOULD PICK UP  
ON AN EARTH-  
BASED STORY.

YOUR  
GRAND-  
SON DEFIN-  
ITELY...

...HAS  
MAZOKU  
BLOOD  
IN HIM.

AND  
YOU?

たら  
ボラ  
たら

Exact  
Kurock

WE  
HAVE  
VISIT-  
ORS.

I'M  
SHAS AND  
THIS IS MY  
GRAND-  
CHILD,  
GILTA.

AND YOU ARE  
QUITE THE  
UNUSUAL  
THREESOME.

WELL  
NOW...



...BUT I DO IT BECAUSE I'M GRATEFUL HE BROUGHT MY NEWBORN GRANDCHILD TO ME.

I CAN'T DO MUCH ...

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE SECRETLY HELPED YOU MAZOKU SINCE THEN.

sigh...



THAT IS WHY YOU ARE LEAKY.

OH!

I SEE.



THAT...

DOESN'T "LEAKY" MEAN--

THAT'S RIGHT! WHAT ABOUT THE BATH-ROOM, YOU GUYS?

IT MEANS "BROTHERS" IN STREET SLANG.

LEAKY IS "ELDER BROTHER" AND LEAKY IS "YOUNGER BROTHER."

I DON'T GET IT!!

?



THAT'S RIGHT.

DURING THE CIVIL WARS, A MAZOKU SOLDIER ON PATROL FELL FOR MY DAUGHTER.

BECAUSE HE WAS A GOOD AND HONEST MAN, I LET THEM BE TOGETHER...

MAZOKU?

...BUT HE WAS KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT WHILE ON PATROL AND MY DAUGHTER WAS SENT TO PRISON.

THE MAN WHO BROUGHT THIS CHILD TO ME AFTER SHE GAVE BIRTH IN PRISON...

...WAS A MAZOKU AS WELL.



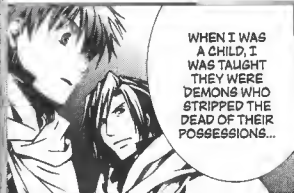
UHM...

...don't  
get your  
beliefs...

HUH?



BECAUSE  
CORPSES  
ROT.



WHEN I WAS  
A CHILD, I  
WAS TAUGHT  
THEY WERE  
DEMONS WHO  
STRIPPED THE  
DEAD OF THEIR  
POSSESSIONS...



...BUT NOW  
I KNOW THE  
MAZOKU ARE  
VERY NICE  
PEOPLE.



THE REMAINS OF  
THE SOLDIERS  
WHO LOSE  
THEIR LIVES  
FAR AWAY AT  
THE BORDER...

... ARE  
DELIVERED  
BY THE  
PATROLLING  
MAZOKU.



THOUGH  
HE SPOKE  
GRUFFLY,  
HE WAS  
TRULY A  
GOOD MAN  
YOU.

HE  
LOOKED  
LIKE  
HIM?



WHY ARE  
MAZOKU  
INVOLVED  
IN THIS  
COUNTRY'S  
CIVIL WARS?



HE SAID  
THIS MIGHT  
CAUSE HIM  
TO BE AN  
OUTCAST  
AMONG  
HUMAN  
CHILDREN.



WHEN THE  
MAZOKU  
BLOOD IS  
THICK, ONE'S  
LIFESPAN IS  
LENGTHENED  
SO  
CHILDHOOD  
ALSO LASTS  
LONGER.

HE ALSO SAID  
THAT IF GILTA'S  
GROWTH SEEMS  
STUNTED, THEN  
HE'D TAKE HIM  
TO HIS FATHER'S  
LAND.

THE MAZOKU  
MAN HAS  
COME BY  
NUMEROUS  
TIMES TO  
CHECK UP  
ON US SINCE  
THAT DAY.



NEAR THE  
BORDER...

THAT'S NOT  
HOW IT IS,  
OKAY? I WAS  
ORIGINALLY  
THIS  
PERSON'S  
YOUNGER  
BROTHER'S  
FIANCEE AND—

GIMME A  
BREAK!  
WE'RE NOT  
LOVERS!!

WHAT'S  
THE  
NAME  
OF YOUR  
BELOVED  
HERE?

YOU DID  
IGNORE THE  
PROTESTS OF  
YOUR  
FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY  
TO ELOPE,  
AFTER ALL.

...WE WERE  
MISTAKEN  
FOR THIS  
MAN AND  
WOMAN.

THAT'S...



SHE'S  
THE KIND  
OF CLUTE  
GIRL...

NICE TO  
MEET  
YOU,  
Y-Y-Y-  
YURI.

NICE TO  
MEET  
YOU,  
NICOLA.

I'M Y-Y-  
Y-YURI.

...THAT  
MIGHT  
BE ON A  
SOFTBALL  
TEAM...

AND...

Wait,  
that's  
not my  
name...

THA--  
THANK  
YOU,  
MISS  
BRIDE.

NO, I'M  
NICOLA.

AFTER ALL,  
I'M NOT  
A BRIDE  
ANYMORE.



YES...  
HIS HAIR  
AND EYE  
COLOR  
ARE  
SLIGHTLY DIFFER-  
ENT...

BUT...

...HE'S  
REALLY A  
VERY KIND  
PERSON.



OOH...

...HUBE.

...AT FIRST  
GLANCE,  
HE LOOKS  
EXACTLY  
LIKE YOU.  
ESPECIALLY  
WITH YOUR  
LONELY  
EXPRESSION.



THAT  
WAS...

...HUBE  
AND ME  
FROM A  
MONTH  
AGO.

YES,  
THOSE  
ROUND  
EYES ARE  
EXACTLY  
LIKE  
YOURS...

...WAIT,  
SAY  
WHAT?!



BY  
HUBE...



... DO YOU  
MEAN,  
GEGENHUBER?

THAT'S  
ME!!







IT'S  
OKAY.

YOUR  
EXCELLENCY  
NEEDN'T GO  
ON A SCOUT-  
ING MISSION.



Chap ter 28

Gegenhuber



I'LL  
KILL  
HIM!



...IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ACCOMPANY US ON THE SEARCH FOR THE DEMON FLUTE...

...I DON'T MIND IF YOU TURN BACK NOW!

THAT AGAIN?

BE-CAUSE...

WHY?

*Hehehe!*

...YOU... DON'T WANT TO FACE HIM, RIGHT?



AND WHERE THE FLUTE IS...

...GEGEN-HUBER WILL PROBABLY BE CLOSE BY!



CONRAD, ARE YOU GOING TO SCOUT THE CITY?

I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE HALF OUR BODIES ARE THE SAME?

...AS YOU KNOW, I GET ALONG WELL WITH HUMANS.



IF YURI AND MY LORD BROTHER ARE THERE...

...CALL ME IMMEDIATELY.

WILL DO.



IT'S EASIER FOR ME TO BLEND IN, YOU KNOW.

MY COMMON LOOKS HAVE TO BE GOOD FOR SOMETHING... AND...



YOU KNOW...



YOU KNOW THEM?!

THEY WERE HERE.

BUT YOU'RE GOING AFTER THEM, SO IT MUST BE ROUGH, HUH?

YOU...

NO, THEY'RE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THAT PICTURE...

THESE TWO, RIGHT?

WE TRIED TO CAPTURE THEM...

WELL, MAKES SENSE.

STO...ZIN...

...GOT YOUR WIFE OR LOVER STOLEN?

...BUT THEY TOOK EACH OTHER'S HANDS AND RAN AWAY!

WELL...I'LL GO BACK SOON ENOUGH.

IT'LL BE NICE IF I CAN FIND SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE TWO, BUT--

AH, YES.

BESIDES...

...IF YOU WEREN'T THERE, YURI WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO DEPEND ON ME!

HUH?

A PAIR WITH QUITE A HEIGHT DIFFERENCE?





I FEEL BAD FOR YOU, BUT ONE OF US'LL FIND THEM, YOU KNOW.

AFTER ALL, THE REWARDS FOR CAPTURING ELOPERS ARE HUGE.

THE GOVERNMENT'S GONNA GIVE US A PILE OF REWARD MONEY.



...BECAUSE WE LOCKED THEM TOGETHER REAL TIGHT WITH HANDCUFFS.



WHAT GETS ME...

...IS HOW THAT WOMAN WHO LOOKS LIKE A TEENAGED BOY MANAGE TO ENSLAVE MEN, ONE AFTER THE OTHER.

WHAT IS THIS?

WHAT HAVE THEY GOTTEN THEMSELVES MIXED UP IN?

YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD-LOOKING MAN TOO...

...BUT YOU WERE JUST UNLUCKY ABOUT YOUR RIVAL. AFTER ALL, HE'S A MAZOKU WITH A WEIRD APPEAL.

BUT...

...THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RUN VERY FAR...

I GUESS THE WEIGHT TRAINING DID HAVE SOME EFFECT, THOUGH.

TOTALLY NON-EXISTENT.

I MEAN HER TITS, Y'KNOW?

HE MUST HAVE A NATURAL TALENT FOR THAT...

AND THEN SHE YELLED OUT THE MOST VULGAR THING...



TEN?  
HE LOOKS  
SO MUCH  
YOUNGER.

UHM...

BUT  
SVELERA  
HAS...

...I'M FINE  
WITH WELL  
WATER,  
YOU  
KNOW.

AFTER  
ALL, I'M  
ALREADY  
TEN.

TAKE THIS  
AND BUY  
SOME  
FOOD, WINE  
AND SOME  
NONAL-  
COHOLIC  
DRINKS.

YOU  
CAN DO  
THAT,  
CAN'T  
YOU?

I CAN.

...SVELERA...  
HAND-  
CLIFFS  
...

HEY.

I WISH I  
COULD GO  
WITH YOU TO  
THE KITCHEN  
BUT--

HOW AM I  
SUPPOSED  
TO EXPLAIN  
THIS TO  
WOLFRAM?

TO TELL  
THE  
TRUTH...

...I'D LOVE  
A GLASS OF  
WATER.

HUBE IS  
LOOKING  
FOR A  
TOOL TO  
THAT END.  
HE EVEN  
SAID HE'D  
USE IT  
FOR US.

THE PLANTS  
WOULD GROW  
AND THE FARM  
ANIMALS  
WOULD GIVE  
MILK...IF ONLY IT  
WOULD  
RAIN.

IF ONLY  
IT WOULD  
RAIN! THEN  
EVEN THE  
PENILESS  
CHILDREN  
COULD  
DRINK  
WATER.

GEGEN-  
HUBER...

...SAID THAT  
HE WOULD  
USE THAT  
TOOL FOR  
HUMANS?

HE  
DID.

I  
REALLY  
WILL...

...KILL  
HIM  
AFTER  
ALL.

...NO  
WATER,  
ANYMORE!

BUT WE'VE  
ONLY JUST  
BECOME IN-  
DEPENDENT,  
REMEMBER?

WE'RE SUR-  
ROUNDED BY  
ENEMIES!!

WE  
HAVEN'T  
HAD MUCH  
RAINFALL  
FOR ALMOST  
TWO YEARS  
NOW...

...SO WE ARE  
FORCED TO  
BUY ALCOHOL  
AND FRUITS  
FROM OTHER  
COUNTRIES!

BUT...

...CAN'T YOU  
GET THE  
NEIGHBORING  
COUNTRY TO  
SHARE WATER  
WITH YOU?



W H A A A T ?!

OH,  
OF  
COURSE  
...

...IT'S  
HUBE'S  
CHILD,  
SO--

IT'S AL-  
READY...

...START-  
ING TO  
GROW.

THEN HE  
WON'T TAKE  
MY BABY  
FROM ME  
EITHER?

HE  
WON'T  
KILL  
HUBE?

YEP,  
IT'S ALL  
RIGHT!!

YEP, HE  
WON'T.  
HE...

What?!

WHY?

WHY  
DO YOU  
WANT  
TO KILL  
HUBE?

HE'S NOT  
REALLY A  
SCARY A  
PERSON,  
AND HE LIKES  
CUTE THINGS,  
SO HE WON'T  
REALLY KILL  
HIM, YOU  
KNOW!

IT'S ALL  
RIGHT! I  
TELL YOU,  
IT'S ALL  
RIGHT!

YOU  
DON'T  
NEED  
TO TELL  
HER  
THAT!

REALLY?

...THAT  
BABY'S  
HAP-  
PENING  
SOON?

IN  
TERMS  
OF YOUR  
FAMILY  
PLAN-  
NING...

BABY?

VERY  
SOON.



NO.

GEGENHUBER...DID HE  
TELL YOU  
ABOUT HIS  
PAST? WHAT  
HE'S DONE?



OH, CALM  
DOWN!!

THAT'S  
RIGHT!!  
WHY DON'T  
YOU PET  
SOME-  
THING  
SOFT AND  
FUZZY TO  
SOOTHE  
YOUR  
SOUL...



WHAT?



AND THEN  
ONE DAY  
HE SAID...

LIKE!



ABOUT  
SIX  
MONTHS  
AGO...

...HUBE  
CAME  
TO MY  
VILLAGE.

LIMM,  
THAT  
MEANS  
...  
SHE'S  
PREGNANT  
WITH THIS  
GUY'S  
BABY, AND  
SHE WAS  
GOING TO  
MARRY  
SOMEONE  
ELSE?

EVERY-  
ONE WAS  
AFRAID  
OF THE  
MAZOKU  
BUT ME.

AFTER ALL  
IT WAS A  
MAZOKU ON  
PATROL WHO  
BROUGHT ME  
MENTMOS  
OF MY  
FATHER, WHO  
WAS KILLED  
DURING THE  
CIVIL WARS.



OUR  
HEARTS  
OPENED  
TO EACH  
OTHER  
QUICKLY.

DID HE  
TELL  
YOU?

THE  
TREASURE  
THAT HUBE  
WAS LOOKING  
FOR WAS  
ALSO HIDDEN  
IN THOSE  
RUINS.

IN MY VILLAGE,  
ALL THE WOMEN  
WORKED IN THE  
RUINS MINING  
GEMSTONES.  
THEY  
MUST BE  
DUG UP BY  
A WOMAN'S  
HANDS.

WE  
SECRETLY  
LOOKED  
FOR IT  
TOGETHER.

BUT...

WHY...  
...CAN'T  
WE FIND  
ANY MORE  
GEM-  
STONES  
IN THE  
RUINS?

IS IT  
SOME  
KIND OF  
CURSE?

AT THIS  
RATE THE  
VILLAGE  
WILL--

...THAT WILL  
MAKE IT  
RAIN...

...WHEN  
THE TRUE  
OWNER  
PLAYS  
IT.

WHAT  
KIND OF  
TREA-  
SURE  
IS IT?

THE  
OTHER  
HALF IS  
IN THIS  
VILLAGE

I AM  
LOOKING  
FOR A  
RARE  
TREA-  
SURE.

IT'S A  
FLUTE...

I HAVE  
ALREADY  
FOUND  
ONE PART  
OF IT...  
...WHICH  
I HAVE  
HIDDEN  
SOME-  
WHERE  
NO ONE  
WILL EVER  
FIND IT.





...THEN  
I KNOW--

BUT IF  
WE GO TO  
SHINMA-  
KOKU...

THE  
COUNTRY  
WHERE HUBE  
WAS BORN...  
IS  
SURELY  
SOME  
SORT OF  
PARADISE!



WE  
FIGURED  
IT WAS  
PROBABLY  
BECAUSE WE  
TOOK THE  
TREASURE  
OUT...

...SO  
WE RAN  
AWAY.

NICOLA.

WILL YOU  
COME WITH  
ME TO  
SHINMA-  
KOKU?

WITH HER  
MAJESTY  
THE QUEEN  
RULING  
THERE,  
I KNOW  
WE'LL...

...BE HAPPY  
TOGETHER THERE.

IN SVELERA  
MARRIAGE  
BETWEEN  
DIFFERENT  
SPECIES IS  
A CRIME...

...SO WE  
WERE  
TREATED AS  
ELOPERS.

WE  
WERE  
TRYING  
TO...

...GET TO  
SHINMAKOKU  
SOMEHOW.



NOW I'VE  
TAKEN THE  
CROWN,  
KICK-  
ING AND  
SCREAM-  
ING.

...ISN'T THE  
COUNTRY  
RULED BY  
TSEI ANY-  
MORE...  
...  
WHAT-  
EVER  
HUGE  
TOLD  
YOU.



BUT IT'S ALL I  
CAN DO TO EVEN  
ATTEMPT TO RULE  
THE COUNTRY.



SQUEEZE...



I  
WONDER...



...IS  
SHINMA-  
KOKU A  
PARADISE?

...EVEN IF  
IT HASN'T  
GOTTEN  
THERE  
YET...

...I'M  
DOING MY  
BEST TO  
MAKE IT  
THAT WAY  
EVENTUALLY.

THE PLACE  
YOU WERE  
DREAMING  
ABOUT AND  
TRYING SO  
HARD TO  
REACH...



NICOLA...



HUGE  
AND I RAN  
AWAY FROM  
THE VILLAGE  
WITH THE  
FLUTE...

...BUT WHEN  
I SAW THE  
POOR THIRSTY  
CHILDREN IN A  
TOWN ALONG  
THE WAY...



...I  
COULDN'T  
TAKE  
IT ANY  
LONGER.

WHEN WE  
STOPPED  
AT AN INN,  
I TRIED TO  
USE THE  
FLUTE TO  
BRING THE  
RAIN.



.....

*YOUR  
MAJESTY!*

*I...  
I--*







TO MAKE  
THINGS  
WORSE,  
SOMEONE  
SAW ME  
PLAYING THE  
FLUTE...

FLUTE...

THE  
DEMON  
FLUTE!!



BUT IT  
WOULDN'T  
RAIN WHEN  
I PLAYED IT  
AFTER ALL.

WHAT?

...AND  
ACCUSED  
ME OF BEING  
THE MAOH!

MAOH?



BUT THE  
SON OF A  
FAMOUS  
SOLDIER IN  
THE CAPITAL  
TOOK A  
LIKING TO  
ME...

...AND  
SAID  
THAT  
IF I'D  
MARRY  
HIM,  
THEY'D  
FREE  
HUBE.

THAT  
MEANS--

...AND THEN  
GOT CAUGHT  
AND WERE  
ABOUT TO BE  
EXECUTED OR  
SOMETHING,  
RIGHT?

WHY,  
YES!

AND  
...

...AFTER  
THAT, I BET  
YOU RAN  
AWAY FROM  
THE INN  
WITHOUT  
PAYING...



Chapter 29

So This is the Demon Flute?



THE  
FLUTE  
...

HUBE  
SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
RELEASED  
...  
...BUT I  
HAVEN'T  
SEEN  
HIM FOR  
WEEKS.

...WHAT HAPPENED  
TO THE  
FLUTE AND  
GEGENHUBER?

...IS  
RIGHT  
HERE.



**YOU'RE  
MY...  
...LOOK-  
ALIKE?!**

HUH?!



YEAH,  
AND...  
...THIS  
PERSON  
IS  
HUBE'S  
COUSIN.

...DOES  
THAT MEAN  
THEY  
MISTOOK  
ME FOR  
YOU?

U M

What?!

WHO'D  
HAVE  
THOUGHT  
WE'D FIND  
YOU IN A  
PLACE LIKE  
THIS?

THE INSOLENT  
PERSON WHO  
USED HIS  
MAJESTY THE  
MACH'S NAME  
(WHICH IN  
REALITY WAS  
A MISUNDER-  
STANDING)

THE ONE  
THAT GOT  
ARRESTED  
FOR NOT  
PAYING FOR  
A MEAL.

Even if you're  
in the middle of  
a struggle that's  
your own fault,  
you should still  
be paying.

No, it's  
like, well,  
you know...

AND...

NICE  
TO MEET  
YOU! I'M IN  
A SERIOUS  
RELATION-  
SHIP WITH  
HUBE AND--

U-  
UMM  
...







...SUSAN-  
NAH JULIA'S  
HEART  
HAS BEEN  
HURT MORE  
THAN YOU  
KNOW.



AFTER ALL  
HE IS A  
RELATIVE,  
SO COULD  
NOT BE  
BURDENED  
WITH TOO  
HEAVY A  
PENANCE.

...WAS  
ONE OF  
GWENDAL'S  
FEW DECISIVE  
JUDGMENTS.

SENDING  
HIM OUT  
WITH  
ORDERS  
TO SEARCH  
FOR THE MATEKI...

WHO WOULD  
HAVE  
THOUGHT  
HE'D ACTUALLY  
FIND IT?

LIMM...

BECAUSE  
OF THAT  
MAN...

IT'S AN AP-  
PARATUS  
TO CALL  
THE RAIN.

WHAT IS  
THIS?

ANISSINA



BRANDISHING  
OUT-DATED  
IDEAS LIKE...

"LOVE  
BETWEEN  
MAZOKU AND  
HUMANS IS  
STRICTLY  
FORBIDDEN!"

THE  
MAOH'S

FLUTE--



YOU JUST  
MEN-  
TIONED THE  
MATEKI AND  
GEGENHUBER,  
DIDN'T YOU?  
I DO  
NOT LIKE  
THAT  
MAN.

LORD VON  
KLEIST,  
PLEASE  
CONCENTRATE  
HARDER!!

OH MY, HIS  
MAJESTY MUST  
BE PLAYING A  
MELODY SO  
PURE, SUBLIME  
AND BEAUTIFUL  
THAT IT LEAVES  
ONE'S SOUL  
AT PEACE!

HIS MAJESTY  
AND  
GEGENHUBER  
HAVE PROBABLY  
MET BY NOW...  
...AND ARE  
HAVING A  
WONDROUS  
PERFOR-  
MANCE WITH  
THE MATEKI!



FFF...

WIKE  
DIS?

MAYBE  
YOU'RE  
HOLDING  
IT INCOR-  
RECTLY. TR  
BLOWING  
INTO THE  
TOP.

IT  
WON'T  
PLAY.  
HUH.

YURI,  
IS THAT  
REALLY  
A  
FLUTE?

AND A  
ONE AND  
A TWO  
AND A--

Feed!

**GONNA-  
RAIN-  
RIGHT-  
NOW-KUN,  
A MAGICAL  
AMPLIFI-  
CATION  
APPA-  
RATUS  
TO CALL  
FORTH  
RAIN!!**

I CALL  
IT...

**GONNA  
RAIN--**

OKAY,  
BUT THIS  
OUTFIT...

...GIVES ME  
AN INSANE  
URGE TO  
EAT CUCUM-  
BERS...

WE  
SHOULDN'T  
NEED TO  
USE THE  
UNRELIABLE  
POWERS OF  
SOME OLD  
FLUTE OR  
WHATEVER.

WE  
SHOULD  
BE ABLE TO  
CALL THE  
RAIN WITH  
OUR OWN  
DEMON  
MAGIC.

I'VE HEARD  
THAT SOME OF  
THE NEIGHBOR-  
ING COUNTRIES  
ARE SHORT  
ON WATER.

IF MY  
THEORY CAN BE  
IMPLEMENTED,  
THEIR AWE AND  
RESPECT FOR THE  
MAZOKU WILL RISE  
IMMEDIATELY!





YOU  
KNOW,  
THAT OLD  
MAN...

YOU'RE  
CRIMINALS  
ON THE  
RUN, AREN'T  
YOU?

YOU'RE CRAP!  
LAME TO  
STICK  
UP FOR  
SOMEONE  
LIKE THAT!

...MAKES  
MONEY BY  
HANDING  
WANTED  
CRIMINALS  
OVER TO THE  
POLICE!!

AFTER ALL, HE  
EVEN SOLD HIS  
OWN DAUGHTER  
TO THE  
AUTHORITIES!

THE  
CHAINS!

WHAT?!

THESE  
AREN'T LIKE  
THE KIDS  
FROM ANY  
FANTASY  
WORLD  
I'VE EVER  
HEARD OF.

THIS  
KIND  
OF--

HOW CAN  
YOU SAY  
SUCH HOR-  
RENDOUS  
THINGS?

W  
H  
A  
T  
?!

EVEN IF  
HE WAS A  
GOOD KID,  
WHY WASTE  
FOOD ON HIM  
IF IT ISN'T  
DOING HIM  
ANY GOOD?



THAT'S  
RIGHT!

AT  
LEAST...

I HAVE  
NO IDEA  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT.

BRIDE?

THAT IS  
CORRECT.

WE WERE  
CHARGED WITH  
ELOPEMENT.

...WE  
CAN  
LET...

HMM...

AFTER  
ALL, WE'RE  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE SO  
LOVEY-DOVEY,  
AREN'T WE??

Yeah,  
yeah!

IF WE WERE  
ELOPING,  
WHY  
WOULD WE  
WANT SOME  
OTHER  
WOMAN?

...NICOLA,  
WHO'S  
PREGNANT,  
GET AWAY.

RIGHT!

I'M  
TWEED-  
LEDEE

TWEE  
--?

OH, THEN  
I'M TWEED-  
LEDUM!

YOUR  
NAMES?

ANY-  
WAY...

...WE'RE  
TAKING  
YOU IN.

BUT HE  
SAID...

...MAZOKU...  
AND LEARY  
LEARY AND...

...HE SAID  
IT WAS  
ALL RIGHT  
FOR HIS  
DAUGHTER  
TO GET  
MARRIED  
AND--

WE'VE  
RECEIVED  
A TIP.

ARE YOU  
THE DUO  
THAT  
KIDNAPPED  
THE BRIDE?

OH, I  
GET IT.

HE'S  
AN OLD  
MAN.

SO LONG-  
GERT TO  
FEED HIS  
GRAND-  
CHILD--

AFTER ALL,  
IT'S NOT LIKE  
HE CAN EARN  
HIS FOOD AS  
A SOLDIER.

B  
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YOU'RE  
PRETTY  
TIRED,  
TOO,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

IF YOU SAY  
SO... BUT I  
CAN'T BE  
THE ONLY  
ONE TAKING  
IT EASY.

WE ARE  
UNDER  
GUARD  
...  
SO YOU  
SHOULD  
SLEEP  
WHILE YOU  
HAVE THE  
CHANCE.

YOU'RE...

PLUS, WE'RE  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE AN  
ELOPING COUPLE

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A  
STRANGE  
ONE,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

YOU'RE  
THE KING.

YOU CAN  
LEAVE RULING  
THE COUNTRY  
TO YOUR  
RETAINERS  
AND INDULGE  
YOURSELF IN  
PLEASURES.

WHY DO YOU  
GO AROUND  
STICKING  
YOUR NECK  
INTO SO MUCH  
TROUBLE?

SORRY,  
I JUST--

NO,  
THAT'S  
FINE.

NICOLA...

...PLEASE  
GET AWAY!!

Zzzzz...





THEN AN  
AMUSEMENT  
THAT  
REQUIRES  
MORE  
MONEY...



WHY?

...UNTIL  
NOW, ALL  
THOSE  
SELECTED  
BY THE  
PEOPLE  
HAVE--

WELL...

DO YOU,  
CONRAD,  
GÜNTER AND  
WOLF ALL  
THINK THAT'S  
RIGHT?

IS IT A KING'S  
JOB TO  
WALLOW IN  
LUXURIES  
PAID FOR  
BY EVERY-  
ONE'S  
TAXES?



RIGHT  
NOW...  
...I THINK I  
PROBABLY  
LIKE  
BASEBALL  
THE BEST.



I DON'T  
KNOW HOW  
TO INDULGE  
MYSELF IN  
PLEASURES  
BUT--

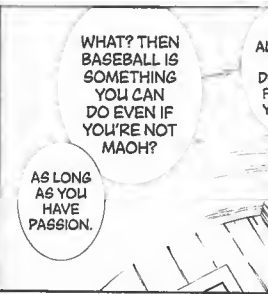


OF COURSE,  
I DON'T  
DISLIKE ANY  
OF THOSE  
THINGS,  
BUT--



ISN'T  
THERE  
ANY-  
THING  
YOU  
LIKE?  
WEALTH?  
ANY-  
GOURMET  
FOODS?  
WOMEN?

Probably--



WHAT? THEN  
BASEBALL IS  
SOMETHING  
YOU CAN  
DO EVEN IF  
YOU'RE NOT  
MAOH?

AS LONG  
AS YOU  
HAVE  
PASSION.



I'VE  
ALREADY  
BEEN  
DOING IT  
FOR 10  
YEARS.

...AS  
MUCH  
AS YOU  
PLEASE.

THEN YOU  
SHOULD  
DO THAT  
BASEBALL  
THING, OR  
WHAT-  
EVER...

...YOU'LL  
STOP ME,  
WON'T  
YOU?



YES.

AND THAT  
MAY MEAN  
I END UP  
BEING A  
NEWBIE,  
PANSY,  
HISTORY'S  
WORST  
RULER,  
BUT--



...IF I MAKE  
A HOPE-  
LESSLY  
BAD DECISION...

BE-  
SIDES  
...

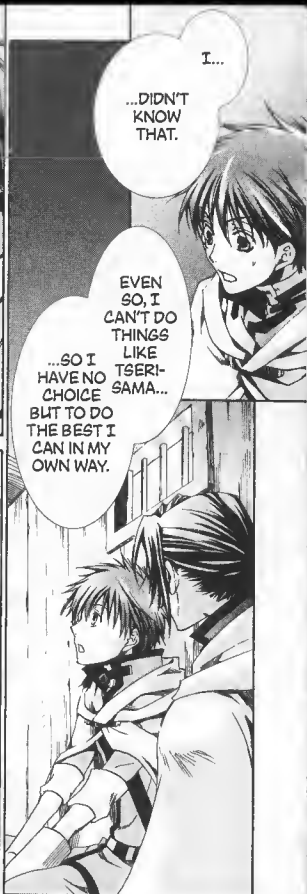


I...

...DIDN'T  
KNOW  
THAT.

EVEN  
SO, I  
CAN'T DO  
THINGS  
LIKE  
TSERI-  
SAMA...

...SO I  
HAVE NO  
CHOICE  
BUT TO DO  
THE BEST I  
CAN IN MY  
OWN WAY.



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of a Demon  
Aristocrat!

Day Two

NEXT ITEM  
ON THE  
AGENDA...

...IS REGARD-  
ING THE  
STATUS OF  
THE IRRIGA-  
TION CON-  
STRUCTION.

GWENDAL?

SUNTER...

カ  
ア



Heh heh.

OOH...



カ  
ア

SO THAT'S  
WHAT...

カ  
ア  
カ  
ア

...GWEN  
LOOKS LIKE  
WHEN HE  
SMILES.







SORRY TO  
KEEP YOU  
WAITING...



BAA!



M-MY  
LORD  
BRO-  
THER...  
WHERE  
TO...

WELL...

...HE HAS  
A MATTER  
OF SOME  
URGENCY...

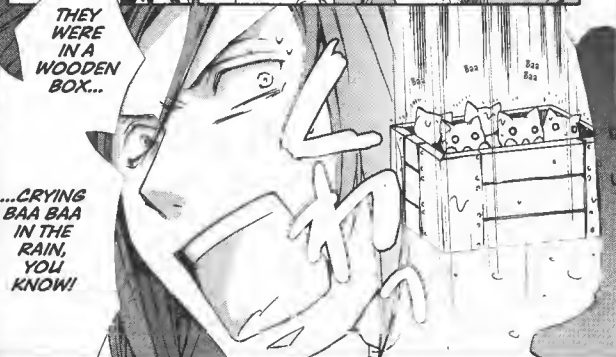
...WHERE  
EVERY  
SECOND  
COUNTS.



I AM  
SORRY  
BUT...

...I SHALL  
HAVE TO  
VACATE  
MY SEAT!!

MY  
LORD  
BRO-  
THER??





WILL YOU  
DISTRIBUTE  
THEM FOR  
ME?

...THE  
TRUTH IS  
I HAVE  
ALREADY  
CREATED POSTERS.

SORRY...

As usual,  
you  
excel at  
creating  
cute  
things,  
don't you?

Would you  
like a cute  
kitten?

It's written in  
the handbook  
of Shinma-Koku.



STOP!!

I'LL REVAMP  
THE DRINK-UP  
2.0, A MAGICAL  
MOISTURE  
SUPPLY  
APPARATUS,  
INTO  
SOMETHING  
THAT WILL  
FEED THE  
KITTENS AND--

I  
HAVE  
A  
GOOD  
IDEA!

I'VE  
GOT  
IT!



...IS SAID BY  
SOME TO BE  
"THE FOSTER  
FATHER  
OF ALL  
THE SMALL  
ANIMALS  
OF SHINMA-  
KOKU."

LORD  
GWENDAL  
VON  
VOLTAIRE  
(HOBBY:  
AMIGURUMI...)

THAT'S  
WHAT  
ALL THE  
FUSS  
WAS  
ABOUT?

HE  
THINKS  
NO ONE  
KNOWS,  
THOUGH.

The Life of a Demon Aristocrat!

\* End \*



While acting as a T.E.S.T.  
S.U.B.J.E.C.T. for Drink-Up 1.0

Flashback

I WILL  
NOT  
ALLOW  
THE  
ABUSE OF  
ANIMALS!

I'VE  
SEEN  
THAT  
INVEN-  
TION!!

I GUESS  
WE'LL  
HAVE  
TO FIND  
THEM  
HOMES,  
RIGHT?

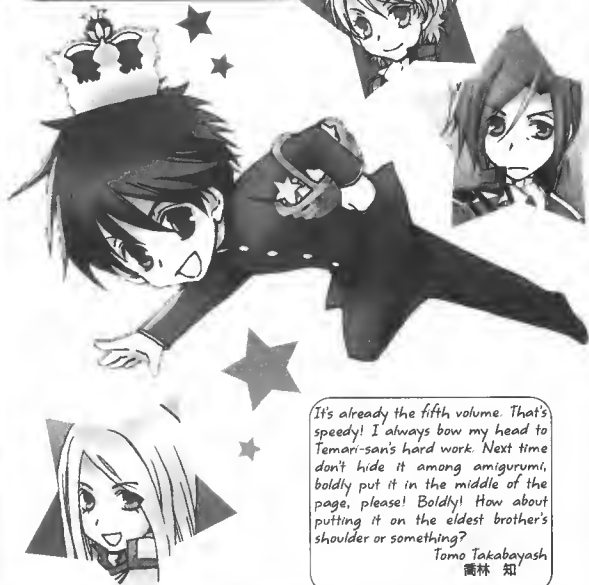


## Afterword

Thanks, this is Temari Matsumoto.  
The fifth volume of the comic is finally  
done, Takabayashi-sensei! I had fun  
drawing this volume because the scene  
with Gwen and the dolphin key chain  
was one of my very favorite parts!  
Speaking of Gwen, I hid a self portrait  
among the amigurumi in Gwen's room in  
the fourth volume, and I was sad that  
no one I knew said anything about it.  
Well, best regards until the next volume!

Temari Matsumoto

松本テマリ



It's already the fifth volume. That's  
speedy! I always bow my head to  
Temari-san's hard work. Next time  
don't hide it among amigurumi,  
boldly put it in the middle of the  
page, please! Boldly! How about  
putting it on the eldest brother's  
shoulder or something?

Tomo Takabayashi  
齋藤 知

## Extra

Well,  
I'm just  
getting  
there "Pick  
me up. Pick  
me up!"  
waves.

What's  
wrong,  
Shibuya?

In the end,  
they both  
went to find  
a home for  
it.  
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IN THE NEXT VOLUME OF



The dangerous trip to Svelera continues when Yuri and Gwendal are separated, and Yuri is once again mistaken for a woman and shipped off to a female-only labor camp. But once there, it looks like Yuri's luck may finally take a turn for the better, as the final piece of the Demon Flute is uncovered...

